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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF DR ARTHUR BURNS

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1. POST APPRECIATES DR BURNS'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO ECON SOCIETY DINNER (REFTEL A), WHICH WILL, ACCORDING TO SOCIETY'S OFFICERS, BE HIGHPOINT OF YEAR FOR VICTORIA BRANCH. POST ASSURES DR BURNS HE WILL HAVE LARGE, LIVELY, FRIENDLY AND HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AUDIENCE. DINNER WILL BE HELD AT LEONDA RESTAURANT IN INNER SUBURB OF HAWTHORN ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27, AT 7:00 PM (FOR 7:30 PM) DRESS IS BUSINESS SUIT. MRS BURNS CORDIALLY INVITED; LONG DRESS WOULD BE SUITABLE. ECON SOCIETY WILL PROVIDE CAR AND DRIVER TO PICK BURNS UP AT MELBOURNE HILTON AND RETURN THEM AFTER DINNER.

2. POST SHOULD HAVE MADE CLEAR IN REFTEL C THAT CEDA WANTED DR BURNS TO GIVE SHORT ADDRESS FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION; SUCH ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ARE SOMETIMES PUBLISHED AS CEDA PAPERS. CEDA NATURALLY SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED THAT DR BURNS PREFERS NOT TO SPEAK BUT IS STILL MOST PLEASED AT HIS ACCEPTANCE. POST AND CEDA ASSUME HE IS AGREEABLE TO SAME FORMAT FOR LUNCHEON AS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ECON SOCIETY DINNER, IE, NOT SET PIECE BUT DIALOG IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS. PLEASE ASK DR BURNS IF HE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO HAVING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION TRANSCRIBED/ TAPED FOR POSSIBLE EVENTUAL CEDA PUBLICATION AS "DIALOG WITH ARTHUR BURNS" (OR SIMILAR TITLE). DRAFT TEXT WOULD OF COURSE, BE SUBMITTED TO HIM FOR APPROVAL BEFORE PUBLICATION.

3. AUDIENCE FOR CEDA LUNCHEON NOW EXPECTED TO BE 30-40 TOP LEVEL BUSINESS LEADERS. REGARDING MRS BURNS, PLEASE SEE PARA 6 OF REFTEL C.

4. REFTEL C REQUESTED FLIGHT DETAILS TO AND FROM MELBOURNE; PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP. POST RECOMMENDS BURNSES TAKE EITHER TN 411 OR AN 9 SYDNEY-MELBOURNE. BOTH RPT BOTH FLIGHTS LEAVE SYDNEY AT 0845 AND ARRIVE MELBOURNE AT 1000. DAVID STEWART-SMITH, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CEDA, WILL MEET AT AIRPORT AND CEDA WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT TO HOTEL.

5. PAN AM'S MELBOURNE OFFICE ADVISED POST THAT BURNSES ARE BOOKED, ACCORDING TO COMPUTER RECORD, ON TWO FLIGHTS ON APRIL 28: MELBOURNE-HONOLULU ON PA 812 DEPARTING MELBOURNE AT 1345, AND AUCKLAND-PAPEETE ON TE (AIR NEW ZEALAND) 518. REQUEST CLARIFICATION, BUT ASSUMING MELBOURNE-HONOLULU IS CORRECT INFO.

6. REGARDING BURNSES' VISIT TO MACKENZIE SANCTUARY, POST CAN ARRANGE HIRED CAR AND DRIVER FOR FOUR HOURS FOR 55 US DOLLARS, BUT STEWART-SMITH OFFERS TO PROVIDE CAR, DRIVER AND APPROPRIATE CEDA MEMBER AS ESCORT FOR SIGHTSEEING. POST RECOMMENDS BURNSES ACCEPT THIS SO AS TO HAVE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY OF CHOICES IN CASE OF RAIN. FURTHER, IN VIEW CANBERRA'S SUGGESTION OF VISIT TO TIDBINBILLA SANCTUARY, UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF MELBOURNE ITSELF MIGHT BE BETTER THAN SECOND SANCTUARY TRIP. MELBOURNE ZOO, INCIDENTALLY, HAS VERY GOOD COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIAN BIRDS.

7. IF ABOVE SUGGESTIONS ACCEPTABLE, MELBOURNE PROGRAM WILL BE:

THURSDAY, APRIL 27:

1000 ARRIVE MELBOURNE AIRPORT; MET BY STEWART-SMITH AND DRIVE TO MELBOURNE HILTON; MET THERE BY CONTROL OFFICER.

1140 DR BURNS PICKED UP BY CEDA CAR.

1145-1430 CEDA RECEPTION, LUNCH AND DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE ROOM, NOAH'S HOTEL MELBOURNE.
(SEPARATE LUNCHEON PROGRAM FOR MRS BURNS).

1430-1800 CEDA CAR, DRIVER AND ESCORT AVAILABLE FOR SIGHT-SEEING.

1840 ECON SOCIETY CAR AND DRIVER PICK UP BURNSES AT HILTON

1900 ECON SOCIETY DINNER AND DISCUSSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

0745-0900 AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST AT HILTON.

1000 MORNING COFFEE AT HOME OF FORMER TREASURER AND
MRS FRANK CREAM IN MIDDLE PARK (SOUTH MELBOURNE)

1200 LEAVE FROM MIDDLE PARK OR HILTON FOR AIRPORT.

1245 ARRIVE AT AIRPORT.
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